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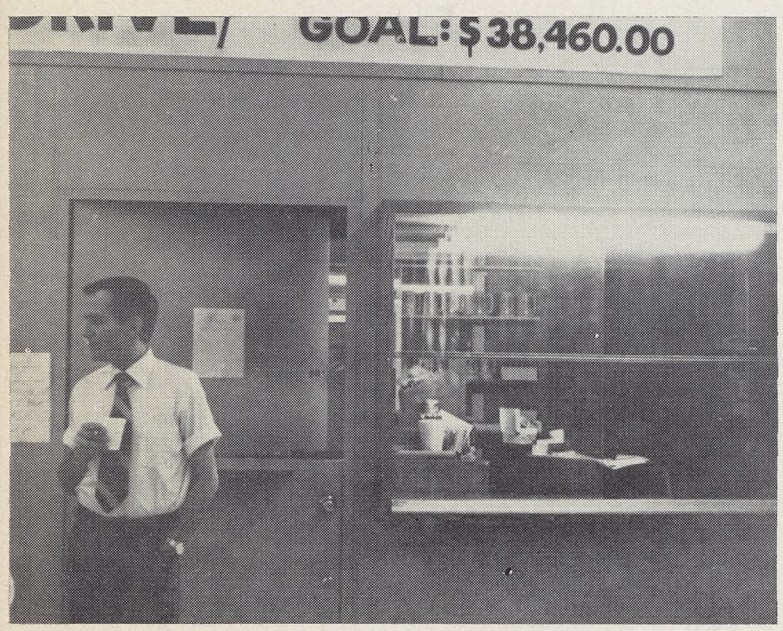
Falcon's Corner Burglarized

Chance Book Prizes Stolen



Brother Michael and Falcon Corner's empty display case.

John A. Barnes

The prizes which were to be awarded to the top salesmen in Bishop Ford's recent chance book drive were stolen from their place of display in the Falcon's Corner Store, located in the cafeteria.

Although details are incomplete at the time of this writing, it is generally agreed that the theft occurred in the pre-dawn hours of April 13, when the lower floors of the school would be certain to be deserted.

The perpetrators apparently entered the building through a back stairway which had its entrance on Prospect Park West and led down into the cafeteria. How the doors were opened is still a mystery, but the possibility of an inside job has not been ruled out.

Upon entering the building, the thieves approached the Falcon's Corner and forced the lock to the upper half of the two-piece door. Once inside, they helped themselves to what is conservatively estimated to have been $2000 worth of merchandise. This included: one color television set, two black and white sets, and a stereo system which were being offered as prizes. A pinball machine, the only major prize which was not stolen, was left because its large size obviated its removal.

Besides the prizes, other items were removed. Among these were: a typewriter belonging to the school, another typewriter which belonged to a senior student who worked at the store, and a stereo system which played tapes and albums for the students during lunch periods. Also taken were large quantities of candy, soda and other miscellaneous merchandise, plus some $100 in cash which was stolen from the store's cash register when the thieves forced it open.

When asked for a comment, Bro. Alphonsus replied, "Anything I say now would be unprintable." Bro. Edward declined to comment, as did Bro. Michael, who supervises the store.

In an announcement made during homeroom, Bro. Alphonsus offered a $500 reward for the student "Who offers information leading to the capture, arrest and conviction of those responsible." During the eighth period, Bro. Shane Burke made an emotional address to the student body. Brother appealed for the continuation of the chance book drive and hoped "That the enthusiasm of the many who have contributed will not be dampened by the actions of a few."

Bro. Michael also announced that the students are to be assured that the stolen prizes would be replaced.

Tim McCarthy Injured

John A. Barnes

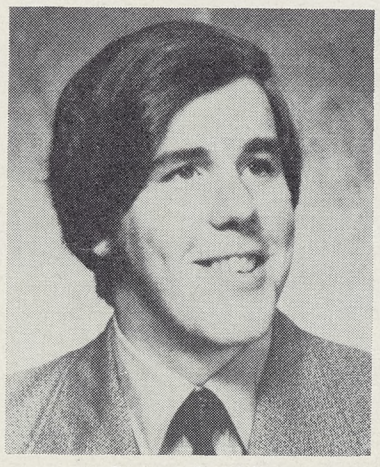
Timothy McCarthy of homeroom 405, who broke his leg late last year in a mishap during a football game in Bishop Ford's schoolyard, has broken it again. This time the circumstances were quite different.

On the afternoon of Thursday, 6 April, Timmy was talking to a friend near his home when a car came bearing down on him. The driver hit Tim, sending him into the air. At this, the driver apparently panicked and tried to flee the accident. However, several were on hand to give chase and the suspect was apprehended approximately two blocks from the scene.

Timmy was taken to Victory Memorial Hospital on 92 Street in Bay Ridge where he is now convalescing. The bone was snapped just below the knee this time; last time it was near the ankle.

In a telephone interview, Timmy said that he had missed a good deal of school because of the two accidents, and he wondered if he'd be required to go on home instruction again this time. He is in the process now of working things out with the guidance office.

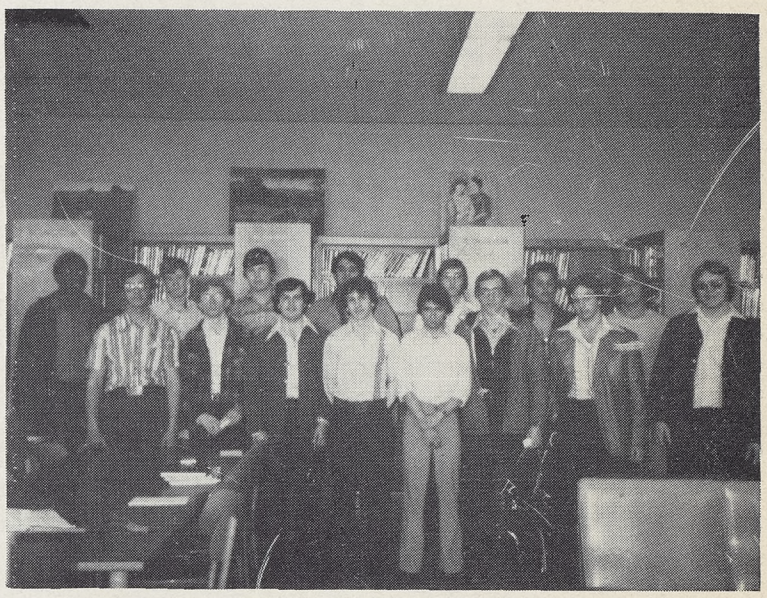
In Memoriam



James Cassidy

It is with deepest sorrow that the editors and staff of **Highpoint** note the passing this semester of James Cassidy, the brother of Marie of the present freshman class, and a graduate of the class of 1975 of Bishop Ford High School. James was among us recently enough to be fondly recalled by the present senior class and by many of the present faculty. It is in the true spirit of community that we, James' friends and schoolmates, dedicate this issue of **Highpoint** to his memory.

State Picks Regents Scholars: 12 Winners, 11 Alternates



Regents Scholarship Winners and Alternates Pictured Above: (left to right) Stephen Johnson, Joseph Argiro, William Staib, Timothy Kehoe, John Barnes, Vincent Albanese, Martin Zdanowicz, John Benson, John Giambrone, Edward Majewski, Steven Cronin, Joseph Catalano, John Lauto, Dennis Czark, Paul Wepy.

by Hope Parisi

Twenty-one members of the senior class of Ford are among the winners or alternates of New York State Regents Scholarships this year. This honor is a result of their superlative academic ability demonstrated on the Scholastic Aptitute Test (S.A.T.). Scholarship winners are given an annual award of $250. toward the tuition of any undergraduate school in the State of New York. All scholarships are based on the competitor's scores on the S.A.T. but a monetary grant determined by financial need is also available. A Tuition Assistance Program (T.A.P.) provides up to $1,500. a year in benefits, the least amount of assistance going to those in higher economic brackets and greater amounts going to those in families with less income.

Regents Scholarships are granted by the State Education Department to students whom they trust will carry out the ideals of democracy during their college years and after they have received their degrees.

Winners of Regents Scholarships at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School are the following: Vincent Albanese, Joseph Argiro, John Benson, John Berni, Steven Cronin, Joseph DeLuise, John Giambrone, Timothy Kehoe, Edward Majewski, Daniel Riley, Paul Soffing and Paul Wepy. The alternates are: John Barnes, Richard Biscotti, Joseph Catalano, Christopher Conroy, Dennis Czark, Stephen Johnson, John Lauto, Daniel Leary, William Staib, Drew Thomas and Martin Zdanowicz.

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Jimmy Carter: Grin and Bear It

John A. Barnes

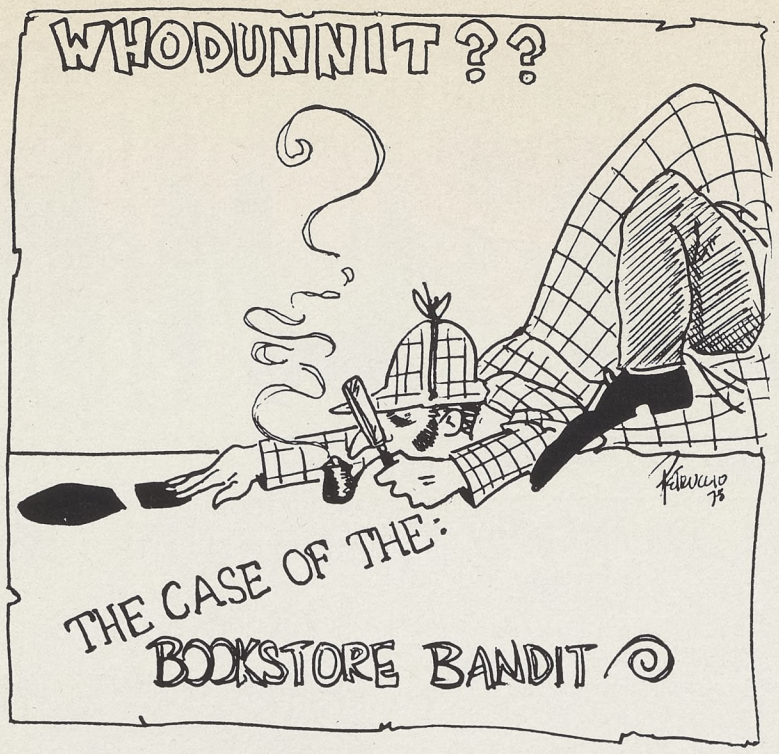
"President Jimmy Carter could have a great first term, if only he could get it started." So quipped one Washington correspondent after the President returned from his trip to South America and Africa. He was referring to the problems the President has been having in developing a coherent policy, both abroad and at home.

Though it was well meaning, the President's trip was at times an embarrassment to his self-proclaimed human rights policy. When he touched down in Brazil, he did not hesitate to start a diatribe on the poor state of human rights observation in that country. When Carter landed in Nigeria in Africa he also made a speech on how poorly human rights are observed in the Republic of South Africa. Never mind that Nigeria is a leftist military dictatorship whose leader imprisons dissident journalists and executes his enemies in public.

In a speech several weeks ago, Mr. Carter stated at a breakfast that the United States must never let down its guard on defense and that it was time to "get tough" with the Russians. But talking tough and acting tough are two completely different things and this Mr. Carter proved eloquently. He promptly ordered the neutron bomb canceled, but because of the public uproar, he only postponed production indefinitely. This is included with such other "get tough" measures as the cancellation of the B-1 bomber, limiting the range of the Cruise missile, slowing down research on the MX missile and the Trident submarine, withdrawal of American troops from Korea and reducing the number of F-14 Phoenix missile-carrying fighter planes to be ordered over the next 5 years. Though it is believed Carter's commitment to peace is genuine, this is hardly the way to start "getting tough."

There is, however, one place where Carter has established a consistent policy, and that is in Africa. It's really quite simple: what the tin-horn black African dictators want, we want. The positions that they support, we support. In return, maybe they'll even say something nice about us on the floor of the United Nations. When the Africans demanded that the Somalis leave the disputed Ogaden region of Ethiopia in their recent war, we joined our voices to the chorus. Forget about the fact that it was Cuban mercenaries who were the ones chasing the Somalis out of the area.

On the domstic front, Carter is in trouble with both the labor unions and the anti-unionists. The President managed to get himself into this unique position by his bumbling of the coal strike. First, he permitted the coal strike to continue for 70-odd days before taking action; this made conservatives on the right angry.



Two Sides To A Coin

By Greg Perrin

It usually follows that the success of a venture such as Falcon's Corner depends on how well it serves the students. When such an institution fails to serve the students, it is no longer a convenience, but rather a drawback. Of those students I questioned, a majority felt that if Falcon's Corner does not adjust its prices, it will continue to be a drawback.

Falcon's Corner is a convenient means through which students can obtain supplies, and at the same time it contributes toward a more pleasant atmosphere in the cafeteria. But this does not erase the fact that The Corner's prices are higher than what most students consider reasonable.

Many of the students I spoke to were curious as to where all the money going into The Corner goes; some even assumed that The Corner was making a gigantic profit. But there are some things which must be taken into consideration. For instance, The Corner, of course, must pay for the supplies which it sells. The store must also pay a sales tax and postage and handling charges on all supplies purchased. On most items Falcon's Corner does not pass the tax on to the student. A percentage of the money made by the store must also be used to pay the salaries of those persons who work there. Presumably, most of the rest is profit, and this is where a solution to the problem of high prices lies.

Perhaps the students, with the permission of the administration, could set up and run a bookstore whose profit would go directly to student activities. A faculty member, chosen by the students, could act as moderator. Since the bookstore would be run by students, salaries would be eliminated, thereby making it possible to lower prices somewhat.

With the rising rate of inflation, it is important that we students be consumer minded. When a consumer finds that a particular store's prices are too high, he or she goes elsewhere. One way or another the prices at Falcon's Corner must be reduced.

Trust In Him

by Father Bob

Don't be afraid because so many things in this life are changeable and chancy. You can be confident that the God who made you will see to it that some good will come out of problems for you, even if you can't see that right away.

After all, He has taken care of you this far through your life. If you trust Him, he'll lead you safely through all the dangers. And even when you can't stand by yourself, he'll lift you up.

Don't look forward to what might happen tomorrow. The same Force that takes care of you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. He will do either of two things: either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you the necessary strength to be able to take it.

So be at peace, and don't bother with a lot of useless dreads, fears and worries about things that may never materialize.

Are you a nostalgia buff? If you like what you just read, you may like things of the past more than you realize. It was based on the thoughts of St. Francis de Sales, who lived in the Sixteenth Century.

Ring Around the Juniors

On 3 May 1978 Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School will have its first official Ring Day and Junior Dance. Although there have been "ring days" at Ford in the past, this one will be quite special.

In the past the juniors simply picked up their rings at the book store. The rings were handed to the students in pastic bags without ceremony, and the day would continue like any other normal school day. This year the juniors who choose to attend Ring Day will report to Ford at 9:30 A.M. and the day will start with a liturgy organized by Sister Colleen Colbert. After mass there will be a Ring ceremony put together by Sister Peggy McHugh, during which the rings will be distributed by the principal and the assistant principal. To finish the morning off, Sister Lenore has arranged for a social-breakfast which will be paid for by the school, and hosted by the sophomore class and the Mothers' Club.

We at **Highpoint** feel that the idea of a Ring Day is an excellant one. It seems certain that day will be a memorable one for all involved. Among many other things, the day should serve to underline the significance and importance of our school ring, and remind the juniors of the fact that they are on the threshold of another milestone in their lives, their senior year in high school.

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After the festivities are over, the proud owners of new Bishop Ford rings will go home to prepare for the Junior Dance to be held that evening. Juniors may bring a date to the dance or elect to come alone, and tuxedos and gowns will not be required.

Such a Junior Dance was not the original plan of the student council. At first it was their intention to have a semi-formal Junior Prom. But this would have meant that everyone would have had to attend with a date, and the fee, including dancing, food, beverages and prom favors, would have been at least twenty-five dollars a couple. The student council eventually came to feel that a Junior Dance would be a better idea than a Junior Prom for a number of reasons. For one thing, Junior Proms never seem to be quite successful. Secondly, they tend to detract somewhat from what must be one of the most important events of the school year, the Senior Prom.

The fact is the response of the juniors to the idea of a Junior Prom clearly indicated that one should not be held. We of the **Highpoint** editorial staff feel that the student council have made the right decision. The Junior Dance will give the students the opportunity to be together on a very important day in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Everyone will be able to dance and socialize with his friends without the demands even a semi-formal prom would have made. We, therefore, congratulate the student council for their wise decision, and wish the junior class a very happy and memoriable day.

Costly Thy Habit As Thy Purse Can Buy

Last year, and in every year within recent memory, it was a Ford tradition for the graduating class to wear white tuxedos at the graduation ceremony. This year, it seems we are to be introduced to another "Ford first." In June, when the seniors walk down the aisle of the auditorium for the last time, they will be garbed in conventional academic caps and gowns. Many seniors feel that they have been slighted because they had no voice in the decision to change to caps and gowns.

Of course, there are mixed emotions on the issue. Some seniors feel the tuxedos were very cheap-looking and a nuisance to be fitted for. Others feel the tuxedos are more striking and comfortable than the caps and gowns. Whatever the opinion, the seniors' lack of real "say" in the matter is the cause of the discontent.

The graduating girls (all four of them), of course, could hardly have been expected to wear white tuxedos. But, if they found some sort of formal gown too expensive or inconvenient, could not they have arranged for academic gowns for themselves, instead? This would certainly have been no more inconsistent than the present policy of requiring girls to wear uniforms to school each day, when boys are permitted to dress in a much more informal manner.

But few of our seniors would be as unhappy about the present arrangement as they are if they had been given some voice in making the decision.

Pomp and Circumstance

by John A. Barnes

On the morning of Saturday, June 3, 1978, Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School will graduate its second senior class and the first to have attended entirely under Brother Alphonsus Maher's administration.

The commencement ceremonies, which will take place at 11:00 a.m. in Bishop Ford's auditorium, will graduate 238 seniors from a group which originally numbered 300-plus when they entered as freshmen four years ago. The ceremony will differ from all others previously held at Bishop Ford because for the first time there will be female graduates. This facet of the exercises will be remembered long after the final strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" have faded away.

Bishop Ford's Assistant Principal, Brother Edward Sullivan, is in charge of graduation preparations. Although arrangements are incomplete at the time of this writing, Brother is attempting to land an important guest speaker. Mr. Anthony DeFina is in charge of securing the awards to be presented at the ceremony. When these are delivered they will be placed on display in the bookstore window.

The ceremony will run on the following schedule: Procession of Graduates to "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar; An Introduction to the Ceremony by Dean Rocco Grella; A Blessing and Invocation by a guest clergy member; The Playing of the National Anthem; Welcome Speech delivered by a student; Presentation of the graduates by Brother Edward Sullivan; Granting of Honors by Mr. Justin D. Mahoney, Chairman, Bishop Ford's Board of Trustees; Principal's Message by Brother Alphonsus Maher; Closing Prayer by Father Bob; Recessional to the "Athalia March" by Felix Mendelssohn.

Because of the participation of girls in the graduation ceremony for the first time, the graduates will wear caps and gowns instead of the tuxedo worn by previous Bishop Ford graduates.

Promenade

by Robert Siebold

This year's senior prom is just around the corner for the class of '78. Last December Brother Shane and the senior prom committee began planning this year's coming prom. After a great deal of hard work and dedication on the committee's part, this year's prom is really taking shape.

The prom this year is going to cost fifty dollars per couple, and so far eighty seniors are going to attend (this is about one third of the senior class). The prom is going to be held on 17 May at the Terrace on the Park Penthouse, which is located in Queens. As you know, the senior prom is a very formal affair, so tuxedos and evening gowns will be worn. Tuxedos this year cost from twenty-five to thirty dollars to rent. Limousines will be used, costing anywhere from eighty to one hundred twenty-five dollars for the night. The prom may sound somewhat expensive, but it's a really great experience.

Our senior prom here at Ford has changed somewhat this year. The faculty has been invited to a cocktail party from ten to twelve that night. This is to give the seniors the opportunity to socialize with all of their favorite teachers, instead of a select few. The prom will last from seven to midnight, with cocktails, dinner and dancing. Pictures will also be taken of each couple that night. Also, school mugs and snifters will be included in the cost of the affair.

Covering Ground

by Glen Olsen

Tuesdays at dismissal Mrs. Skalecky and Senior Coordinator Bill Briotta, along with fifteen other members, meet in room 174 as members of the Ecology Club of Bishop Ford. They talk about past projects and trips and projects in the planning stage intended to improve our surroundings. The purpose of the Ecology Club is two-fold: to provide an opportunity for students who are interested in ecology to do field work, and to make students more aware of environmental problems and concerns.

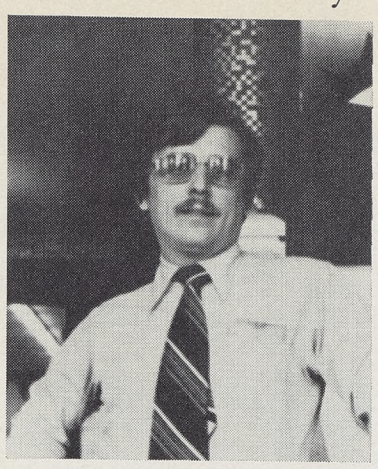
Although the Ecology Club may be little-known, it has been making its mark in small but significant ways. Its members have been working on restoring the greenhouse in the biology lab, and organized an Earth Day collection to raise money to buy trees to be planted around our building. They have also assisted the Environmental Science class in water and soil testing. In order to help the community the club has also done beach work at Gateway National Recreation Area and at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

The Ecology Club is always looking for new things to do. Among the projects in planning are trips to such places as the Botanical Gardens here in Brooklyn, an "adopt a plant" program in which potted plants will be given to teachers to keep in their classrooms, and a ceremony for planting the trees bought with the money raised in the Earth Day collection.

The Ecology Club was started two years ago by Mrs. Skalecky. She feels ecology is important because people should show concern for their environment; it is up to each individual to do something positive to preserve our environment. Mrs. Skalecky is justly proud of the Ecology Club, and remarked the other day, "Any success that we have with the club is due to the members, and they're all wonderful people and a real joy to work with."

Faculty Focus :

Walter Polansky



by John A. Barnes

The Faculty Focus column is devoted to those members of the Ford faculty who, in **Highpoint's** estimation, are worthy of special notice for their contributions to our community. According to his own modest appraisal of himself, Mr. Walter Polansky is such a man: "In the last issue of **Highpoint** the Faculty Focus column said that Mr. Radigan was "one of the finest math teachers in the school. I would like it said of me that I am **the** finest math teacher at Ford."

The self-effacing Mr. Polansky is certainly one of the most hard-working teachers here at Bishop Ford. When questioned about what he does in his leisure time, Mr. Polansky replied emphatically, "I have no leisure time. I teach five classes a day here; then I teach Driver's Ed, either here or at Bishop Kearny; when I get home I mark papers, so I have an almost non-stop day from 7 to 5." Does he have any hobbies? "My wife and my two daughters," he replied with a smile.

Somehow Mr. Polansky has found time to go to such places as Florida, Bermuda and Pennsylvania, but he really doesn't have the time to take advantage of the summer vacation, because during that time he is the assistant principal of Bishop Ford's Summer School Program, which is under the direction of Mr. Rocco Grella.

Mr. Polansky obtained his bachelor of science degree in math from Saint John's University, after which he took his master's degree at Long Island University. He has been teaching for ten years, the first two at Saint John's Prep. (now defunct) and Xaverian Summer School, the last eight at Bishop Ford. He teaches four courses throughout the school day, Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Computer Math and a section of Freshman Algebra. From 1972 to 1977 he was the coach of Bishop Ford's varsity baseball team.

Mr. Polansky's philosophy of teaching is simple: he is there to teach math and his students are there to learn. "I leave any politics and everything like that to the Social Studies Department." Mr. Polansky feels that the school disciplinary system has its good points and its weaknesses. "There is a system and it has to be implemented by each teacher. If the teacher does not agree with a particular aspect of the system, that doesn't mean it should be ignored; I may not agree with parts of it, but I must enforce it."

Inquiring Reporter

by Glen Olsen

On December 27, 1932 the doors to the largest indoor theatre in the world, Radio City Music Hall, were opened. It seats six thousand people, and the stage is a full city block wide. Radio City Music Hall was not designed by one man; many great minds had a part in the building of it.

Some of its entertainment features have been first-run films and stage spectacles with the famous Rockettes, a symphony orchestra, and guest artists, plus concerts and other special events.

The last show at Radio City Music Hall was performed on Wednesday, April 12 as a benefit for the Variety Club Foundation.

We thought it would be interesting to find out how some of our classmates feel about the closing.

Damien O'Donnell, 405: "I feel that New York City is losing one of its greatest entertainment centers and a fine place for family enjoyment."

Sal Giardina, 305: "I feel it shouldn't close down. It is like a monument for New York City. New Yorkers take pride in it."

John Caminiti, 302: "I think that this is a shame. There are very few places where the family can go for enjoyment. They should do everything possible to keep it open."

Michael Tirotta, 209: "I really don't think they should keep it open. What they should do is construct something else that would again involve everyone."

Brain Picardi, 207: "I think if it closes down we will be losing a great part of New York. A place that has provided enjoyment for so many years shouldn't be closed down."

Edwardo Haynes, 107: "I'm sorry it has to close down because it's been a place of entertainment for a long time and for a lot of people."

Cuticle Crazy

by Christine Babick and Maria Sallustio

One of the important beauty assets a female has is her nails. They express the type of person you are — when they're dirty and ragged, people don't get a good feeling about you; if they are clean and well taken care of (even if they're not polished) it shows you're a neat, feminine young lady.

Here are the step-by-step instructions for nail care: 1.) To start a manicure, file the sides of nails very gently. The ideal shape is a rounded one with straight sides. Keeping sides straight helps nails resist splitting and cracking. 2.) Next, soak nails for two minutes in a mild shampoo (like Herbal Essence by Clairol) diluted with a bit of water. This loosens dirt and softens cuticle. 3.) Apply a good cuticle cream. A good one to try is Massage Cream by Revlon. Massage the cream into nails for about a minute. 4.) Gently push cuticles back with a soft towel or with the cushions of your fingers. Don't use anything sharp. Your cuticles are softened from soaking and are especially vulnerable. To keep them in good shape, do this whenever you wash your hands. 5.) Now apply a hand cream. With a nail brush moistened in the soaking soap, gently brush cuticles to loosen any remaining dirt. Don't brush nails, just cuticles. 6.) To remove any traces of dirt or strain under your nails, use an orangewood stick wrapped in cotton. 7.) If you're going to buff your nails, use a nailwhite pencil to cover any stain or dead skin that shows under nails. If you're going to use colored polish, skip this step as the source suggests, polishing underside of nails for added strength. 8.) Apply a buffing powder or cream to nails. 9.) Use a chamois buffer to polish and shine nails. Try using the Professional Nail Buffer by Revlon. Gently rub buffer across surface of each nail until you see a nice shine. If nails feel too hot from friction of buffing, slow down your strokes, Even if you plan to use colored polish on your nails, do buff them anyway. It stimulates circulation and is very good for your nails. It also gives them a wonderful shine for times when you don't want to wear polish.

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This athletic fundraising event is open to everyone, toddlers to senior citizens, and will be held on Sunday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Brooklyn's Marine Park. Walkers, joggers and their sponsors should meet at the Marine Park parking lot on Avenue "U" between Stuart and East 32nd Streets.

Prizes will be awarded by age category to those jogging the most miles on the Marine Park one-mile track.

In the event of rain, the Walk-a-Thon/Jog-a-Thon will be held the following Sunday, May 7, at the same time in Marine Park.

To register as a sponsor, Brooklyn residents and businesses should contact the American Cancer Society, Brooklyn Unit, 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. Telephone: 237-7850.

Dance Committee

by Greg Perrin

When we were an all-male school, the dance was the center of social activity here at Ford. The dance provided a pleasant atmosphere where members of each sex could meet and communicate. However, since the transition of Bishop Ford from an all-male school to that of a coed institution, the cafeteria and the free period now share the function the dance once held alone. But the dances, although not as frequent as they once were, are still an important facet of Ford social life. It is generally agreed that this is due in part to the efforts of the dance committee. According to Jack Benson, the Committee Chairman, as a team the committee handles many responsibilities and works to make each dance a success. Jack feels that the committee's main responsibility is to serve the students, even though the committee must meet certain administrative requirements.

At the beginning of the academic year the committee is alloted a certain amount of money for organization of the first dance. Each dance after is organized on the money earned from the dance before. By the last dance, the committee is expected by the administration to have broken even. In the past the dance committee did just that. The present committee reports, however, that this year's dances have been such a success that the committee has already made a handsome profit.

Bro. Shane Makes A Comeback

by Hope Parisi

While it might yet be difficult to catch Brother Shane Burke sitting still in his office, this is not due to any more absenteeism. On the contrary, Brother Shane is back in action and about the affairs of the school.

Towards the end of January, Brother took a leave of absence for health reasons. For a short while, his senior honors English classes were left untaught. In early March, he returned, rejuvenated, with the full-time title of Director of Student Activities.

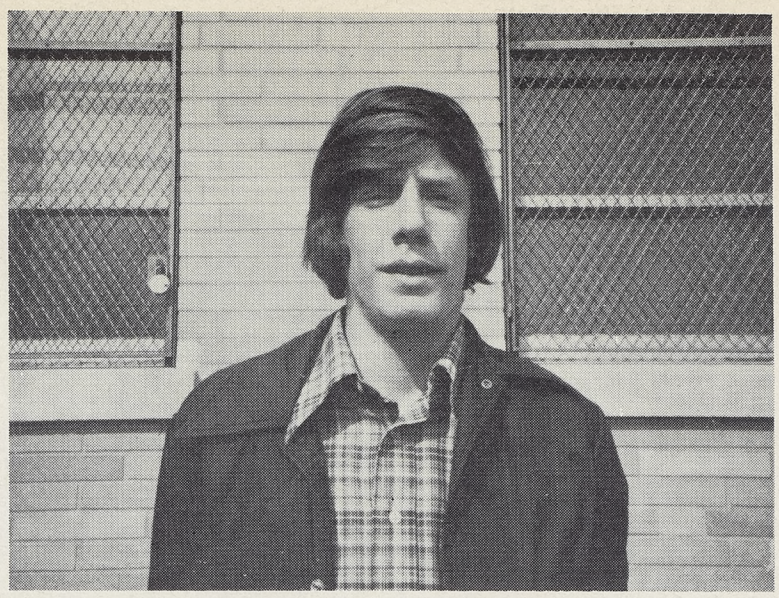
When asked if he misses teaching, Brother did not hesitate to say yes. Yet, he is relieved that his function at Ford has finally been cleared up. "I found it hard to balance both — teaching and directing student activities." In his dual role, Brother did not want to compromise and decide priorities between the classroom and the management of student affairs.

Despite the change, Brother Shane still has a full schedule. His overall purpose is to serve as a liaison between the administration and non-athletic committees. He sets the calendar of events for all clubs, dances, and school trips. Brother is planning a re-evaluation of all club moderators and the performances of their groups this year.

Besides keeping Brother Alphonsus informed of the upcoming events, Brother Shane also keeps the students informed, but in the role of counselor. Students come to him to air opinions and complaints about the school. He, in turn, offers rationale as to why procedures run as they do and how decisions are made. "It's time-consuming sitting and talking with a student and then wondering what was accomplished. But it's necessary."

While this is not specifically listed as one of the duties of activities director this year, maybe it will be next year, along with student council moderator, dance committee moderator, and all the other functions that keep Brother Shane so busy.

Sportlight: Danny Leary



by Joe Catalano

One of the key reasons for the great success of the varsity basketball team this year is 6′ 2″ swingman Daniel Leary. It cannot be questioned that his team play and sixty-nine percent shooting ability was instrumental in the team's excellent season.

Danny is a perfect example of what hard work can accomplish. In the season before last he hardly played. During last summer he played eight hours of ball a day, including a number of summer leagues and basketball camp. The hard work obviously paid off, because he averaged one hundred eighty-six points this year, with one hundred thirty-eight rebounds. He averaged sixty-nine percent this season and was called "the best pure shooter" in the C.H.S.A.A. by Bill Travers of **The Daily News.** Although he shot sixty-nine percent from the field, there were games in which he shot exceptionally well; one such game was against Nazareth, the defending city champs, in which he was twelve for fourteen from the field.

One of the high points of his career was being named to the Brooklyn-Queens all-star team. Only five players from all of Brooklyn and Queens were selected, among them Glen McMillan (Holy Cross), Tom Schmiemann (Msgr. McClancy), Tom Bruin (Mater Christi) and Kevin Creany (Nazareth).

Dan works hard not only as an athlete, but as a student as well. During his three and a half years of high school he has maintained an average of ninety-one percent. In college he plans to major in engineering.

And, speaking of college, Dan has offers from at least forty different institutions, among them Yale, Columbia and Stonehill. According to Coach Nash, Dan will have no trouble in college academically or athletically. Mr. Nash also points out that, "Danny is a gentleman on and off the court, which is more important than scoring a thousand points."

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Boys' Tennis Making A Racquet

by Zena Baygen

Tennis is one of the least publicized sports in this school. This year's team has some fine players, among them Joe O'Boyle (senior) and Rich Kuzianik (sophomore), truly fine athletes. Along with Joe and Rich (who play singles) is Tony Zolfo (senior). The doubles players are Steve Pisciotti, Mike Grecco, Bob Cataldo, Joe Carbonaro, Tom Ligotti and Pat Przybyski.

Under the skilled and clever guidance of Coach Ray Habib (an ex-Bishop Ford tennis player), the team has made the playoffs every year. The team practices every weekend during the winter and on many days during the spring. This schedule includes running laps.

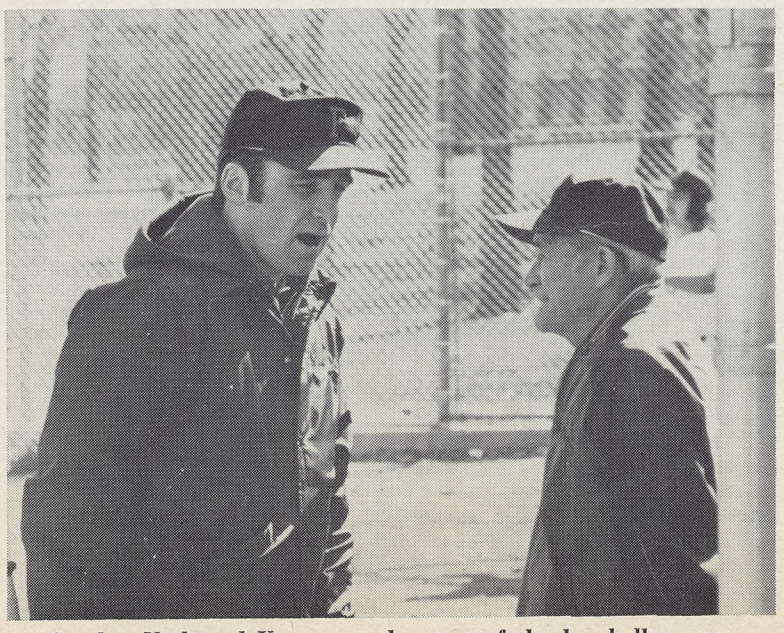
Ford plays approximately fourteen matches throughout the year, and this year we should make the playoffs again. We have a very good chance of taking the city championship if we can pull a major upset.

Last year Bishop Ford finished first in Brooklyn and fourth in Brooklyn-Queens. Overall, we have a good team, but we need more recognition, and more student support would help greatly.

Boys' Varsity Schedule

April 11—Tues.—
Nazareth—home
12—Wed.—
Tottenville—away
13—Thurs.—
Mater Christi—home
18—Tues.—
Molloy—away
20—Thurs.—
Christ the King-home
25—Tues.—
Holy Cross—home
26—Wed.—
York Prep.—home
27—Thurs.—
St. Francis—away
May 2—Tues.—
St. Ann's—home
3—Wed.—
McClancy—away
8—Mon.—
Forest Hills Tourney
10—Wed.—
St. Paul's—away
11—Thurs.—
Xaverian—home

The Sterling Tournament will be held on May 4 and 5.



Coaches Nash and Keegan at the start of the baseball season.

Bishop Ford Racquettes

by Zena Baygen

Girls' tennis is finally here at Ford, and although it is not as yet publicized to the extent that Boys' tennis is, it is just as important. With long hours and hard work, this season could very well prove to be exceptionally successful. Led by number-one player Diane McEvoy, the team should win quite a few matches this year.

Following Diane in the singles players group are Ann Zawadski and Gina Ficarelli. Doubles players include Eileen McBrian, Dolores Dilgen, Janice Medina, Anne Gaffney, Zena Baygin, Diane Chicco, Carol Leaver and Josephine Sorgente. A first-year team is always the underdog, but the girls' team could certainly change that this year. As Coach Ray Habib said, "The team is young, talented and shows great potential for the future."

Girls' Varsity Schedule

April 10—St. Savior's—away
17—St. Francis—home
20—Notre Dame—away
24—Kearney—away
May 1—St. Agnes—away
8—Notre Dame—home
11—Fontbonne—home
15—Kearney—home
22—St. Francis—away